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***Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 26 July 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims and abstract fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 in that (1) some of the claims do not include status identifiers, (2) some of the claims include incorrect status identifiers (Amended) and (3) the abstract is not presented on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Effective 30 July 2003, amendments filed under 37 CFR 1.121 must be filed using the following rules:

When there is any amendment to a claim, a claim listing of all claims ever presented in the case must be supplied in ascending numerical order. The claim listing must include (1) the claim number of every claim ever presented in the application whether entered or not, (2) a single status identifier, in parenthesis, following each claim number, (3) the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims), and (4) markings (underlining, strikethrough) showing the changes made only in the current amendment relative to the immediate prior version. The claims in the claim listing of the current amendment will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Only seven claim status identifiers may be used: original, currently amended, canceled, withdrawn, previously presented, new, not entered. No other status

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identifiers will be permitted. Grouping of consecutive canceled claims, e.g. claims 1-25 (canceled) is permitted and canceled claims should not include the text of the claim.

When there is an amendment to the abstract, if the changes are minor in nature, submit a replacement abstract with markings to show all changes relative to the immediately prior version. If the abstract is being substantially rewritten, submit a new abstract in clean text (no markings) accompanied by an instruction to cancel the previous abstract. Any new or replacement abstract must be submitted on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72).

3. The purpose of accepting only the seven claim status identifiers listed above and to require status identifiers on every claim is to prevent confusion by the printer when printing an allowed application, i.e. to prevent errors during the printing process. As such, only the seven status identifiers listed above will be accepted.